

## CLAIMS

1. An indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1), comprising:
  - a casing (4) in which at least a specific part (240, 241) is formed from a transparent material in which luminous grains (45, 48) have been admixed; and
  - 5 a design layer (43, 46) that exhibits a color scheme or a pattern and that is provided to the reverse side of said specific part (240, 241).
2. The indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 1, wherein said specific part (240, 241) is disposed on the front side.
3. The indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 2, wherein
- 10 the front side of said specific part (240, 241) is formed to be substantially flat.
4. The indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 3, wherein
  - said casing (4) has a casing main body (23) that is formed from a nontransparent material separately from said specific part (240, 241).
- 15 5. The indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 4, wherein
  - said design layer (43, 46) exhibits a luminous color scheme.
6. A method for manufacturing an indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1), comprising:
  - a first step (S14, 16) wherein at least a specific part (240, 241) of a casing (4) is
  - 20 formed from a transparent material in which luminous grains (45, 48) have been admixed; and
  - a second step (S15, 17) wherein a design layer (43, 46) that exhibits a color scheme or a pattern is formed on the reverse side of said specific part (240, 241).